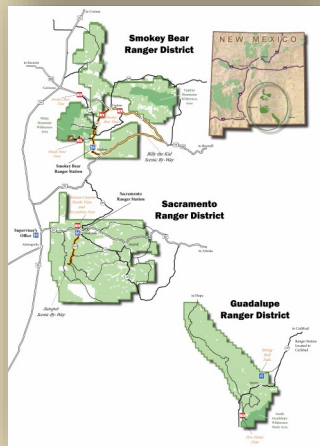


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Latest News

Status and Outlook

The Lincoln National Forest's planning team is currently preparing sections of the assessment report which evaluate relevant ecological, economic, and social conditions and trends, and their sustainability. Following incorporation of public feedback and internal review of the assessment this fall, we anticipate releasing a draft assessment for public review this winter or early spring of 2017.

Public Input

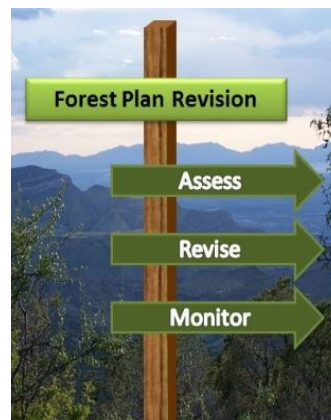
We're always interested in hearing what you think!

Your input is important for guiding the assessment and overall revision process.

The due date for submitting public input on the assessment is being extended. **Input received by July 29, 2016, will be most helpful and ensure we have sufficient time to incorporate this information in the assessment.**

Directions for submitting your input and a fillable form are available at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd496028.pdf

Public feedback we've received so far is posted on our website at <http://>



Three phases of Forest Plan Revision: Assessment, Revision, and Monitoring/Evaluation

www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/home/?cid=stelprd3814310. We will be updating this as we receive more input.

Plan Revision Resources: Online Video

The plan revision process, and land planning as a whole, can be complicated. To help break down the purpose and process of plan revision, we've posted a video on our website.

The video provides an overview of the Forest Service land management planning process. The second video outlines how staff will apply this

process and framework here on the Lincoln National Forest.

The video can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5176265>



Assessment Concepts

You may ask, "Why are you preparing an assessment?"

The assessment will provide relevant information for social, economic, and ecological resources and contribute to the planning process by:

1. Identifying the "need for change" in the current Forest Plan;
2. Developing plan "direction" which includes desired conditions, objectives, standards, guidelines, and suitability of lands.

Specifically, the assessment will:

1. Identify and evaluate a

solid base of information to guide forest plan revision;

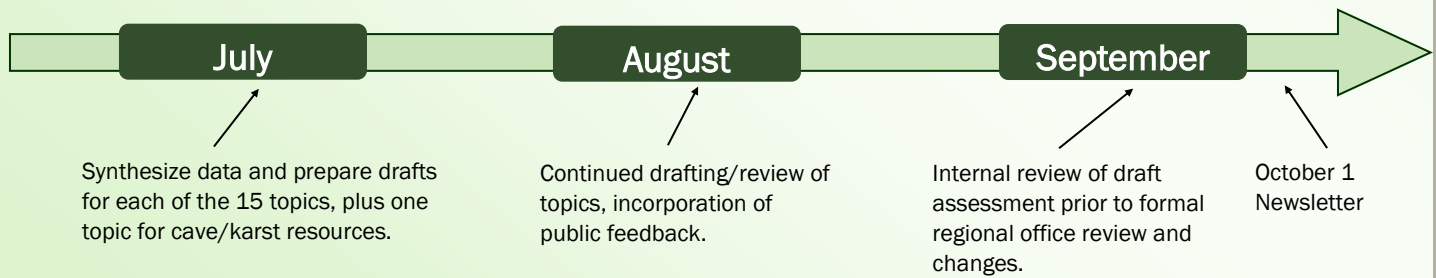
2. Build a common understanding of that information with the public and other interested parties;
3. Develop relationships with interested parties to facilitate public and government participation;
4. Develop readiness of the Forest Service and public to focus on topics appropriate to plan revision; and
5. Develop a mutual understanding of the complex topics across landscapes that are relevant to plan revision.

TIMELINES & CONTACT INFORMATION

Plan Revision Timeline



Our Timeline for the Assessment: Next 3 Months



How Can I Participate?

Public participation may include providing input and comments, understanding the process, staying informed and more. Throughout the planning process, we will offer many different opportunities for you to get involved including formal public meetings, presentations and discussions with groups and chatting with individuals.

Public "need for change" meetings will occur this winter or early 2017 following release of the draft assessment. These meetings will be focused on sharing the assessment and identifying needs for change to the 1986 Forest Plan. Please note that while we are completing the assessment, our capacity to host or attend public meetings will be very limited. However, we encourage you to stay informed and contact us at any time by:

1. Signing up to our mailing list.
2. Emailing us at: lnf_fpr_comments@fs.fed.us
3. Calling us at (575) 434-7200.

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